

**Remarks**

Applicants undersigned attorney thanks the Examiner for his careful proofreading of the specification and for suggesting an amendment to claim 1 which has been mutually agreed to. It is to be noted that while the notice of non compliance was correct with respect to lack of signature, these present remarks were on the paper submitted.

Substitute pages are submitted in this transmission but NOT separately signed.

With respect to the Examiner's objections to the specification, all direct suggestions have been complied with. At p 4 line 10, the "0" should actually have been the Greek letter "alpha", at p 5 line 6, the "/systemically" has been removed, at p 6 line 16 "honiopentamer" was a typo for "homopentamer", at p 18 line 30, the text has been completed to read "space across the tympanic" and at p22 line 14, "patient is of" has been deleted.

In the section showing the changes in the specification, deletions are generally made by double strikeout. However where size of the deletion would make this confusing square brackets [ ] are employed.

It should be noted that while each page of this section contains a numbered page of the specification in question and the paragraphs are the same in each instance, the line numbers shown on the pages in this paper DO NOT correspond to the line numbers in the specification on file, but should merely be considered a guide.

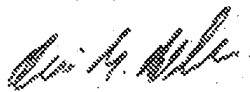
Claims 21-24 having been cancelled without prejudice to claiming the subject matter thereof on a continuation, continuation in part or divisional application hereof

The remaining claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's kind suggestions.

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, and prompt passage to issue is respectfully solicited. Nevertheless, is minor issues remain, the undersigned would

welcome a telephone call at the number listed below, to resolve them and expedite issuance.

5            Respectfully submitted,



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